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Pope arrives in Cuba, first papal visit since 1998

SANTIAGO, Cuba (AFP) - Pope Benedict XVI arrived Monday in Cuba seeking to boost his Church's special dialogue with the Communist regime, as dissidents said more than 150 people were arrested to derail protests.

President Raul Castro and

a delegation of church officials greeted the 84-year-old pontiff at the airport in Santiago, Cuba's second largest city, where a massive crowd was expected to gather for mass later in the day.

After a visit to predominantly Roman Catholic Mexico, the pontiff is seeking to bolster close church-state ties in Cuba -- the Americas' only one-party Communist state - while also urging authorities to embrace change.

"I come to Cuba as a pilgrim of charity, to confirm my brothers and sisters in the faith and strengthen them in the hope which is born of the presence of God's love in our lives," the pope said in the southeastern city.

"I carry in my heart the just aspirations and legitimate desires of all Cubans, wherever they may be, their sufferings and their joys, their concerns and their noblest desires," he added.

"I am convinced that Cuba, at this moment of particular importance in its history, is already looking to the future, and thus is striving to renew and broaden its horizons."

France's Strauss-Kahn charged in prostitution vice ring

LILLE, France (AFP) - Disgraced former IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn was charged Monday with involvement in an organised vice ring that procured prostitutes for top-class clients, lawyers said.

Prosecutors said the 62-year-old former Socialist finance minister and one-time presidential favourite had been released on 100,000 euros (\$135,000) bail following the charges. Strauss-Kahn is charged with an offence that could carry 20 years in prison if he is convicted.

"He firmly declares that he is not guilty of these acts and never had the least inkling that the women he met could have been prostitutes."

Get ready for: Soul Beach Music Festival 2012!

Back again for 5 days of great parties, concerts and media and celebrity encounters, is the 12th Aruban edition of the Soul Beach Music Festival. Three amazing concerts surrounded by parties on Nikki Beach and after-parties stretching late into the night will begin on Wednesday, May 23 and finish on Sunday, May 27. The combination of Aruba and the traditionally top talents has made it the Memorial Day Weekend must-do for the festival's veteran patrons, guaranteeing a great time and entertainment for all.

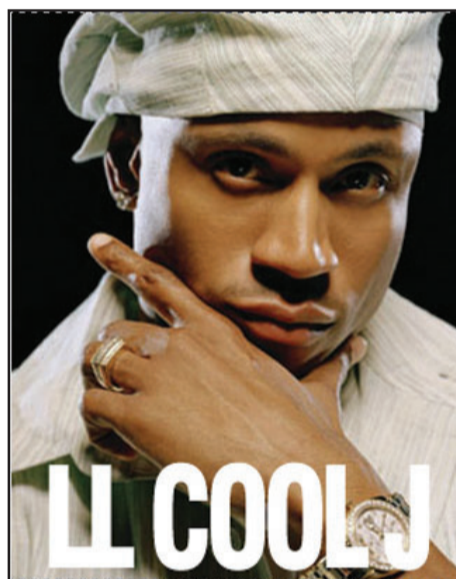
Festival Producer Mark Adkins officially announced the line-up yesterday afternoon. Headliners this year include LL Cool J and Ledisi performing on Saturday night, and R Kelly and Melanie Fiona finishing the festival with a flourish on Sunday. Friday night will open the weekend with Soul Beach Comedy Jam" featuring the hottest names on the comedy circuit.

Saturday, May 26 Line up:

LL COOL J:

Nearly 25 years since he first burst onto the scene, LL Cool J continues his vibrant, trail-blazing career with the release of EXIT 13, his appropriately titled 13th album for the only label he has called home - Def Jam Recordings.

What began for LL Cool J in the nascent, burgeoning rap and hip hop scene of the 80's, has now seeped throughout the musical and cultural phenomenon that is today's hip hop. All the while, LL Cool J has remained a musical and cultural force, a



living icon and a significant, relevant artist still churning out the hits.

As an entertainer, he has succeeded in crossing into multiple mediums. Already a talented actor, author, recording artist, two-time Grammy Award winner and NAACP Image Award winner, LL continues to display his wide range of talents in his projects.

An accomplished actor, he has appeared in more than 30 films and starred opposite acclaimed actors such as Samuel L. Jackson and Colin Farrell in Sony Pictures blockbuster "S.W.A.T.," Al

Pacino, Jamie Foxx and Cameron Diaz in Oliver Stone's "Any Given Sunday," and Gabrielle Union in Focus Features' "Deliver Us from Eva." Other film credits include "Rollerball," "Charlie's Angels," "Kingdom Come," "In Too Deep," "Toys," and "Slow Burn," with Ray Liotta. He has also received a Blockbuster Award for best comedic performance as the "Chef" in Renny Harlin's blockbuster action film "Deep Blue Sea."

Three years ago, LL transitioned to television with a dramatic and critically acclaimed performance on the second season premiere of FOX's hit drama "House." He recently guest starred on the NBC comedy "30 Rock" in a memorable performance as hip hop mogul Ridiculous. He currently has a new dramatic television series in development at CBS.

Among a number of books he has authored, including a children's book, he penned a 1997 autobiography, "I Make My Own Rules."

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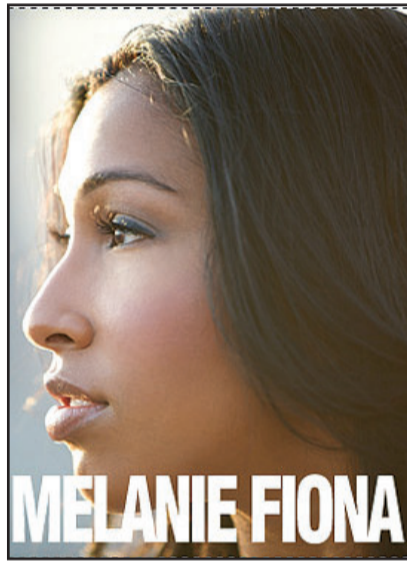
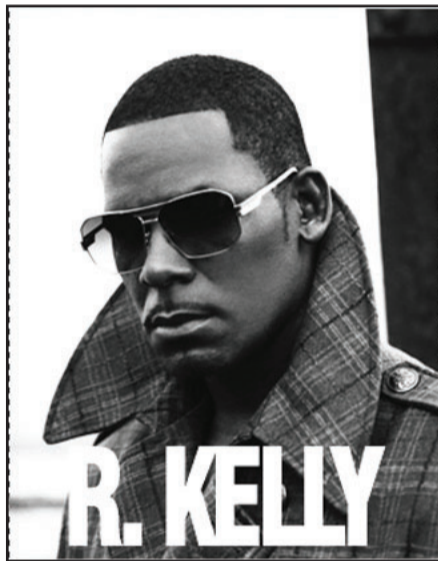
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LEDISI:
With her new album *PIECES OF ME*, Ledisi undoubtedly proves that she is a woman to know. Loaded with emotion and charged with unparalleled soul, this record adds another dimension to the persona the singer has been sharing with audiences since her explosive entrance on the music scene a few short years ago.

Following her last two critically acclaimed albums-2007's breakthrough hit *Lost and Found*, which was nominated for two Grammy® awards including Best New Artist, and 2009's rock & funk, attention-stealing *Turn Me Loose*, which also garnered two Grammy® nods

and a No. 1 debut position on the Billboard R&B chart - *PIECES OF ME* is a natural progression for a singer possessing an involuntary penchant for growth.

Born in New Orleans and raised in Oakland, CA, where she says she developed ambition, drive and an appreciation for opera, gospel and R&B, Ledisi struggled for years. After constant rejection from recording companies, she and a partner formed their own label on which they released two independent albums, both of which gained national attention, resulting in her 2007 major label deal with Verve. "*PIECES OF ME*" is a culmination of the challenges she's experienced and lessons she's

learned.
R. KELLY:
The three-time Grammy winning king of R&B makes music of epic proportions. After 18 years of stardom, the multi-instrumentalist, producer and vocalist continues to forge an artistic path that caters to fantasy and captures the hearts of adoring fans, which is in essence, how an artist sells over 34 million records, and wears the crown of a king.

The charts are telling of the Chicago native's storied success—six #1 albums, 11 #1 singles, and 12 consecutive platinum albums. Yet, beyond the numbers is his vital contribution to the soul music continuum. R. Kelly's musical tome is ripe with scintillating delivery and stirring rhythms that outlast thinner melodies by fleeting one-hit sensations. In one moment, he is the virtuoso that delves into slow, deep delicious seduction, and the next finds him the sexy showman at the center of the party, in full body-rocking up-tempo flavor. From the tantalizing 8-times platinum R., to the Grammy-award winning anthem "I Believe I Can Fly," to his recent hit single "I'm a Flirt" with Bow Wow, which garnered a 2008 ASCAP Rhythm and Soul Music Award, R. Kelly is the essence of true R&B.

As a songwriter, he revisits simple but profound aspects of the human experience – love, lust, desire, joy and pain that define classical art and drama. He applies his concept to rich, full vocals that exude his intended effect. This precise craftsmanship led to a 2006 Stevie Wonder Award for Outstanding Achievements in Song Writing at the Soul Train Awards.

MELANIE FIONA

Singer/songwriter Melanie Fiona's debut album *The Bridge* reveals a sweet push-and-pull between countless elements of herself; at once Canadian and Caribbean, strong and sexy, contemplative and joyous, blending the sounds of pop and soul. Despite the many moods and musings of Melanie Fiona's debut, all agree there is one defining element: the girl's got soul.

Born to Guyanese immigrant parents and growing up in a music-filled house in the inner city of Toronto, Fiona knew from the very beginning that music is what moves her and a strong sense of family translates to her team. Though Fiona had been writing her own songs for years, the introduction of songwriter Andrea Martin would prove seminal for *The Bridge*. "When I met Andrea, it was an instant connection," she explains. "We developed this very personal working relationship where

we were both inspired by each other." Sharing each other's life experiences, they collaborated on some of the defining songs in the collection. Other producers on the album include UK producers Future Cut, Florida's Vada Nobles, LA's The Stereotypes, NYC's J. Phoenix, Peter Wade, and Salaam Remi, Andrew Wyatt, Rob Fusari, and Angela Hunte.

"This experience will never happen for me again," she muses. "I'll never be a new artist again. I'll never be a complete and utter student of the game." Whatever may come when *The Bridge* releases on Steve Rifkind's SRC/ Motown Universal Records in Fall 2009, Fiona is poised and ready.

Tickets are going to be available from Wednesday March 28, at the special price of \$45 per night at these outlets: - **Dragon Cd & Electronics – San Nicolas**

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By Rosalie Klein



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Business owners can download this form Personnel List 2011 from the website of the Labor Department at: www.overheid.aw or www.gobeirno.aw. Or they



can pick up the form at the reception desk on the third floor of the main office of the Department of Labor and Investigation.

This week the Department of Labor will be working overtime at their main office

on the L.G.Smith Blvd. 134 where employers can submit their forms. Forms may also be submitted at auxiliary offices of the Department of Labor at Pos Chiquito 100.

Office hours of the Department of Labor are Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 12 noon and from 1:00 to 6:30 pm. The Pos Chiquito office is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 12 noon and from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

For questions or other enquiry you may send an email to si-mon.brete@aruba.gov.aw or to louisetty.croes@aruba.gov.aw. or call Simon Brete at 583-7720 x223 or Louissetty Croes at 583-7720 ext. 279.

Dutch Government Needs Deficit Courage

By Richard Barley

THE NETHERLANDS--Physician, heal thyself. The Dutch government has been among the most vocal in prescribing tough fiscal medicine for other euro-zone countries. But with the Netherlands in recession, its own budget deficit is proving difficult to rein in and may breach the European limit of 3% of gross domestic product even in 2015, the CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis warns.

Under euro-zone rules, it needs to implement budget cuts. But will it?

Markets have their doubts. Ten-year Dutch bonds have underperformed, with yield spreads over German debt nearly doubling in March to 0.57 percentage point, the

widest since the bond-market panic of November. Dutch and Finnish bonds, which have traded closely together, have also diverged. The Netherlands has moved out of the "core" euro zone, Citigroup says.

Politics are a concern. The resignation of a member of the Freedom Party, which supports the ruling coalition, means the government only has 75 of the 150 seats in Parliament. That has led to calls for new elections, and potentially complicates efforts to address the deficit, which came in at 5% in 2011 versus a target of 3.7%. The CPB warns it may fall only to 4.6% in 2012 and remain there in 2013 without further tightening measures. That would leave it far above the European target of below 3% by 2013.

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This year again the organ-

izers have planned different sports activities, such as, football, softball, tennis, domino, bowling, billiard, volleyball, athletics, badminton and swimming. If someone is interested in any other sport activity not listed, contact Harold de Miranda at Tel.593-0854.

The sports activities are designed for both women and men. Hence, the organizers are appealing to women to be sure and join as well.

Prize winners will be announced and awarded on Saturday the 19th at the Eagle Club in a festive setting along with great dance music.

Harold de Miranda, one of the organizers, encourages our 60 plusses to start training to get the body in shape for the start of the activities on the 11th of May. More information and the exact schedule will be posted in the month of April.

Group of young men in Social Formation Program complete first phase



Last Friday, a group of young men in the government's Social Formation program completed the first phase of the program. The Marines Camp Commander, Mr. Hofma, Brigade General of the marines Mr. Swijgman, and Captain Werleman and his team, who guided the young men during the 4 months of training, organized the activities and military exercises performed by the young men.

During the presentation, the organizers of the festive occasion showed a video of the young men in action during their training in the first phase of the Social Formation program. In a festive ambience in the presence of

parents, family, various Parliamentarians and other invited guests, the Prime Minister presented the 12 young men with their certificates. Captain Werleman in turn presented them their beret. These young men are ready now for the second phase of the program. Six of them will begin an internship training at APA NV and the other six will do their internship at the Valero Refinery.

Before arriving at the joyous occasion of Friday's certificate presentations, much work went into making this Social Formation program possible. Once approved in Parliament the organizers proceeded immediately to re-

cruit young men not attending school between the ages of 18 to 24 to join the program.

The Dutch government also became involved through discussions with Dutch Secretary of State Ank Bijleveld, then Dutch Minister of Justice, Eimert van Middelkoop; then with the actual Minister of Justice Hans Hillen, and top leaders of the Marine Corps, after which Holland gave their full support for the

program.

On Monday, a new group of 24 young people will begin the program at the Marines Camp here with the first phase of the Social Formation Program.

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Celebrity hacker pleads guilty in US court deal

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - A 35-year-old computer hacker pleaded guilty Monday to breaking into the email accounts of stars including Scarlett Johansson and Mila Kunis, and was taken in custody.

Florida hacker Christopher Chaney, who had been free on bond since his arrest last October -- weeks after nude photos of Johansson appeared online -- faces up to 60 years in jail.

Judge S. James Otero said he did not understand why Chaney continued hacking -- including accessed the email of a member of the entertainment industry identified as "C.B." -- even after his home was searched in February 2010.

"I just don't understand why any person that is rational could continue this conduct" after being "put on notice there is a federal investigation" of his actions, US district court judge Otero said in Los Angeles.

The judge said it seems as if Chaney "cannot resist his impulses to commit these offenses. ... I just don't understand the mindset."

Chaney, who looked shocked when he was ordered into federal custody, faces up to 60 years plus fines and restitution of about \$2.5 million when he is sentenced on July 23.

That is much less than the 121 years he could face if convicted on all 26 indictments he was initially charged with. His lawyer announced last week that Chaney would plead guilty on nine counts, in a plea deal.

His arrest by FBI agents last October grew out of an 11-month investigation into the hacking of over 50 entertainment celebrities, including Johansson, Kunis and Christina Aguilera.

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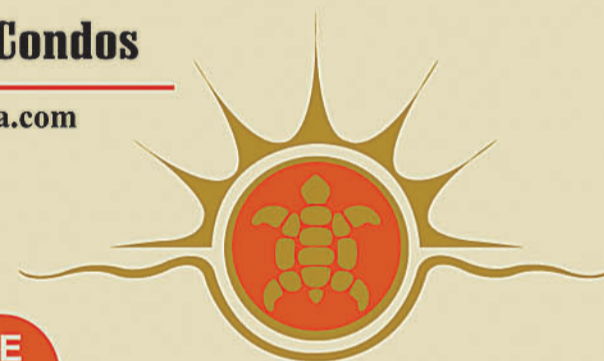
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As many as 31 local vocalists such as soloists, duets and trios will present 17 compositions in Papiamentu. The vocalists will choose their own music with the commission lending their assistance

as necessary. The singers have been selected based on an open registration followed by an audition. The age group is between 20 years and older.

An orchestra of 18 musicians under the direction of Carlos Bislip will accompany the vocalists during the special presentation in the Cas Di Cultura.

A special commission has been laboring for several months preparing this con-

cert, writing musical arrangements, etc. The following people are members of the commission; Tica Giel, Maybeline Arends-Croes, Tino Ruiz, Carlos Bislip and Lupita Gil. On April 14th Aruba will be able to enjoy what is expected to be a fantastic musical presentation! A nominal entrance fee of Afls.10 will be charged for admission.

UNOCA intends to use this musical occasion to say thanks to the Aruban commu-

nity for their years of support.

Over the years numerous petitions for financial support have been requested of UNOCA for assistance for a myriad of projects for which they extended their support. Some of the many projects to have received support from UNOCA are, among others, baile, teatro, literature, poetry, visual arts, general art, projects having to do with audiovisuals, music, song, expositions, formation of youth

programs, and many more.

UNOCA has also helped in fortifying the cultural infrastructure in projects like the historical Museum, the Archeological Museum, Cas Di Cultura, Centro Di Barrio, Scol Di Arte, and others.

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International News

French police have videos of Toulouse killings

PARIS (AFP) - French police have copies of videos shot by an Islamist extremist killer during his recent shooting spree in and near the southern city of Toulouse, police sources said Monday.

"It's a video montage of the various killings set to music and readings from the Koran," the source said, adding that the footage had been sent to the Paris office of the pan-Arabic satellite network Al-Jazeera.

The source said the material was "sufficiently explicit".

Mohamed Merah, a 23-year-old Frenchman of Algerian descent who was killed last week in a police siege following three shooting sprees that left seven dead, had previously boasted of filming his killings.

The police source said investigators had been passed a USB memory stick that had been sent to the Paris office of Al-Jazeera, a network financed by the Qatari royal family and watched throughout the Arab world.

Detectives visited the station Monday to pick up the evidence. The source said Al-Jazeera had not broadcast the footage but had probably retained copies.

Merah was killed on Thursday after a 32-hour siege by police from the elite RAID special intervention squad on his apartment in Toulouse.

Before the fatal shootout, Merah had boasted to police negotiators that he was behind three previous shootings this month in which three unarmed French soldiers and four Jews were killed.

He also declared that he had uploaded footage of the attacks to the Internet, although no trace of the video had been found.

Witnesses and the anti-terrorist prosecutor assigned to the case have said that the shooter appeared to be wearing a video camera of the Go-Pro type of sports cameras harnessed to his chest during the shootings.

As police surrounded Merah's Toulouse apartment last week, the gunman claimed responsibility for all three attacks.

In the first two incidents he shot dead three soldiers in attacks in Toulouse and nearby Montauban.

Then last week he opened fire at a Jewish school in Toulouse, killing a 30-year-old teacher, his sons aged five and four, and a seven-year-old girl.

President Nicolas Sarkozy, in mid-campaign for re-election, said Monday French security services would launch a hunt for Islamic extremists following the killing spree.

"Are there other Merahs? All the security, intelligence and police services in democratic countries are on the lookout," Sarkozy told France Info radio.

He said the interior and justice ministries have been ordered to engage in a systematic evaluation of potential threats.

On Sunday authorities charged the gunman's brother, 29-year-old Abdelkader Merah, with complicity in the attacks but he denied any involvement.

US slams deadly attack on Iraqi woman in California

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US State Department said Monday the United States had "no tolerance for wanton acts of violence" like that in which an Iraqi woman was beaten to death in an apparently racially-motivated attack.

Attacked in her southern California home, Shaima Alawadi, 32 and a mother of five, died after she had been taken off life support Saturday at a hospital in San Diego County, US television reported.

"Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family and the friends of Shaima Alawadi, who was an Iraqi-American woman who died over the weekend following an absolutely brutal beating in her home in San Diego," State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said.

"We understand that US law enforcement authorities are investigating all aspects of this horrific crime and taking all possible steps to bring the

Sarkozy says influential Muslim cleric not welcome in France

PARIS (AFP) - President Nicolas Sarkozy said on Monday that influential Qatar-based Sunni Muslim cleric Yusuf al-Qaradawi was not welcome in France.

Egyptian-born Qaradawi, 86, has been invited to visit next month by the Union of Islamic Organisations in France (UOIF).

"I told the emir of Qatar himself that this gentleman was not welcome in the terri-

tory of the French Republic," Sarkozy told France Info radio.

Qaradawi, who hosts a popular show on Al-Jazeera satellite television, backed Arab Spring uprisings in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya, and has launched a fund-raising effort for the Syrian opposition.


He had been due to attend the UOIF congress at Le Bourget near Paris on April 6 alongside renowned Egyptian preacher Mahmud al-Masri.

"I said that a certain number of people, who have been invited to this congress and who maintain or who would like to take positions that are incompatible with the republican ideal, would not be welcome," Sarkozy said.

Qaradawi, who has close ties with the leadership of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood, left the country in the 1960s after being imprisoned by the regime of president Gamal Abdel Nasser.

He is accused of having made anti-Semitic and homophobic statements and was banned from entering Britain in 2008. He has been banned from entering the United States since 1999.

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International News

First Catholic pedophile cover-up trial opens

PHILADELPHIA (AFP) - The first Catholic priest in the United States to be charged with covering up his subordinates' sexual abuse of children arrived in court Monday for a landmark trial in Philadelphia.

Prosecutors are targeting Monsignor William Lynn for allegedly shuffling two priests suspected of child abuse to other positions around the Philadelphia, thereby enabling the crimes to continue.

The role of such a senior official, whose co-defendant Reverend James Brennan is accused of sexually abusing boys in the 1990's, makes the trial the first of its kind in the United States.

In a surprise pretrial twist Thursday, the other co-defendant, defrocked priest Edward Avery, pleaded guilty to his own sex crimes, thereby avoiding trial. He was immediately sentenced to between two-and-a-half and five years in prison.

It was not immediately clear how Lynn's lawyers would deal with this setback, since they have said they planned to challenge the credibility of the sex abuse allegations.

The accusations against the three men read like many other church sex abuse scandals. But with the trial attracting heavy media attention, the

sordid details of the allegations will be in burning focus.

With a high-up official in the dock for allegedly shielding perpetrators of sex abuse, the case threatens to widen the legal onslaught over a scandal that has already bled the Catholic Church of credibility and money.

The case as a whole can be dated back to 1992, when a former parishioner accused Avery of molesting him in the 1970's or 1980's.

The allegations were deemed serious enough that Avery was sent to a facility specializing in rehabilitation of sex offender priests.

As secretary for the clergy between 1992 and 2004, Lynn was responsible for investigating reports of abuse. Yet he never stopped Avery.

When Avery had completed his program, Lynn assigned him to a parish with a school, despite the fact that Avery's therapist warned against putting him around children.

At that parish, Avery allegedly encountered a 10 year-old altar boy referred to in court documents as "Bill," and abused him.

In another incident described in court documents, Brennan allegedly raped a 14 year-old boy during a sleep-over at Brennan's apartment in 1996.

Even after that boy's parents reported the rape to the archdiocese, Lynn did not take action beyond transferring Brennan within the Philadelphia region.

Defense lawyers are casting doubt on the credibility of two alleged victims who have long histories of drug abuse and also are looking to sue the archdiocese for millions of dollars in a civil

Rancorous health care debate outside top US court



WASHINGTON (AFP) - With prayers, slogans and American flags, hundreds turned out Monday to protest noisily for and against President Barack Obama's health care law as the nation's top justices weighed the reforms.

"Protect our health care, protect the law," shouted some of the crowd, as inside the majestic marble-columned Supreme Court the most closely-watched legal case of the year got underway.

"We love Obamacare, that's why we're here," chanted some, at the start of three days of deliberations which could see Obama's signature legislation either enshrined in America's legal code or ripped apart.

"I see children with asthma, adults with diabetes, adults that can't afford their medication or cutting their pills in half to try to make them extend longer," said Angela Golden, president of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

But the reforms, signed into law two years ago and which mandate that all Americans must have health insurance, are hugely divisive, and the top US bench must rule whether they are constitutional.

A long-held cherished goal of Obama and his Democratic

allies, for Republicans the law strikes at the very heart of civil liberties and individual freedoms. Republican hopefuls for the 2012 elections have vowed to repeal it.

Catholic White House hopeful Rick Santorum was among the crowd Monday as he campaigned in his bid to win the Republican Party's nod to take on Obama in the November elections.

"This is the most important issue in this election. It's one that encapsulates all the issues that are at stake in this very critical election in our country's history," he told the crowd.

The law would provide health insurance to some 32 million Americans lacking coverage, but also would force people to buy insurance -- an unwelcome intrusion by "big government" for others.

In an unusual step, the judges have agreed to release an audio-tape of each day's hearings as soon as possible. But no cameras, recording equipment, telephones or laptops were allowed inside to hear the arguments as the government took on its opponents.

Outside the imposing Supreme Court building, a stage had been set up with microphones to allow participants to wade into the issue.

Syria imposes travel ban on men under 42: reports

DAMASCUS (AFP) - The embattled regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad has banned all men between the ages of 18 and 42 from traveling outside the country without prior authorisation, according to local media.

"Syrians between the ages of 18 and 42 are banned from travel if they don't have prior authorisation from the (army's) recruitment office," Aliqtisadi business magazine said on its Internet site.

The travel ban until now had only applied to men who had not completed their two-year compulsory military service.

Aliqtisadi said the new measure, clearly linked to the revolt gripping the country, was being applied at border posts, adding that several men had already been turned back

at a border crossing with Lebanon and at the airport in Aleppo.

Syria-News, a website close to the Damascus regime, said the travel restriction was provisional and that those concerned could get a one-year permit allowing them to leave the country.

"A similar measure was implemented in the past and was then cancelled," Syria-News said.

Assad's regime has faced an unprecedented revolt since last March that activists say has left at least 9,100 people dead.

Syrian authorities have the right in the event of war or a declared state of emergency to mobilise all males between the ages of 18 and 42 who have completed their military service.

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Health & Living

eBay bans sorbitol sales after Italian death

(AFP) - US online auction giant eBay on Monday banned global sales of sorbitol following the death of a 28-year-old Italian woman who consumed a phial of the sugar substitute as part of a food allergy test.

"As a precaution, eBay has immediately cancelled all sales of sorbitol, which will

remain banned pending further clarification," the company said in a statement, adding that it was cooperating fully with an investigation.

Teresa Sunna collapsed last week shortly after taking the popular substance, which was bought online by her doctor for a saving of around 20 euros (\$27). Two other women at the clinic were taken violently ill but survived.

Italian police on Sunday seized 1,000 tons of the substance and the health ministry has warned people not to consume any sorbitol bought online.

The batch from which the dose taken by Sunna came was produced in Italy in February 2010 by US commodities giant Cargill and then shipped abroad.

"According to our internal investigation, the batch in

question at the time of its dispatch (from Italy) conformed to our rigorous standards for product quality and safety," the company said in a statement.

Sorbitol, also known as glucitol, is widely used in cosmetics, medication and diet food. It also occurs naturally in fruit like apples and pears.

"There is no need for a general health alarm" on products containing sorbitol, Health Minister Renato Balduzzi told reporters on Monday.

Sunna's death has sparked wider concern in Italy over the increase in counterfeit pharmaceuticals bought online for a saving.

The ministry said it had arrested 337 people for illegal online sales of pharmaceuticals since 2005 and seized a total of 3.7 million doses.

French medical orders target celebrity diet guru Dukan

PARIS (AFP) - French medical orders have filed complaints against celebrity diet guru Pierre Dukan, whose diet was reportedly used by the Middleton family ahead of Kate's wedding to Britain's Prince William.

Both the French and the Parisian Medical Councils accuse Dukan, who promotes a high-protein diet that has seen him sell millions of books and win over a slew of famous followers, of breaking professional rules.

The man behind the "Dukan Diet Cookbook", which he is currently promoting in the United States, is accused of failing to observe two articles in the doctor's code: lacking prudence in statements potentially damaging public health, and of practising medicine as a business.

Dukan recommended in January that students in their

final two years of high school be awarded extra marks if they manage to maintain an acceptable Body Mass Index (BMI), a measure of body fat based on height and weight.

He is accused of failing to take into account how his recommendation might affect anorexic or overweight students.

Dukan's publicist claims that he has sold 4.5 million books in France and around five million in the rest of the world, although the exact amount of money made is not public.

Dukan's lawyer insisted that his client has behaved no differently from other doctors with a public profile, and argued that he had raised a genuine public health issue.

"The fact that people are not indifferent to this book proves that it raises a major public health problem," said Isabelle

Too much, too little sleep linked to heart woes: study



CHICAGO (AFP) - People who sleep less than six hours per night or more than eight are more likely to suffer heart problems than people who sleep between six and eight hours, said a US study on Sunday.

The findings confirm those in previous, smaller studies, but are based on what researchers described as a nationally representative sample of 3,000 people cov-

ering five separate heart ailments and their links to sleep duration.

The subjects for the study were people over age 45 who participated in a survey of health issues in US households known as the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

Subjects were asked to describe their sleep patterns and were also asked if they were ever told they had congestive heart failure, heart attack, coronary artery disease, angina or stroke.

People who said they got too little sleep each night were two times more likely to have a stroke or heart attack and 1.6 more likely to have congestive heart failure than people who slept between six and eight hours nightly, the researchers said.

People who said they slept more than eight hours per night were two times more likely to have angina and 1.1 times more likely to have coronary artery disease.

"We now have an indication that sleep can impact heart health, and it should be a priority," said principal investigator Rohit Arora, chairman of cardiology and professor of medicine, the Chicago Medical School.

"Based on these findings, it seems getting six to eight hours of sleep everyday probably confers the least risk for cardiovascular disease over the long term."

Raisins and soy may ward off high blood pressure

(AFP) - Eating raisins and soy appears to help ward off high blood pressure, a key risk factor in heart disease, according to two studies presented at a major US cardiology conference on Sunday.

Munching on a handful of raisins three times a day helped people with slightly elevated blood pressure lower their numbers after several weeks, said one of the studies presented at the American College of Cardiology conference.

The randomized clinical trial -- believed to be the first formal measurement of raisins' benefits on blood pressure -- involved 46 people with a condition known as pre-hypertension.

Researchers are not sure exactly why the raisins work so well, but they think it may have to do with the high level of potassium in the shriveled, dried grapes.

A second study on soy showed that daily intake of foods like tofu, peanuts and green tea helped lower blood pressure in more than 5,100 people aged 18-30.

Eating soy could be a way for people with slightly elevated blood pressure to avoid progressing to high blood pressure, and potentially ward off the need to take medications.

Sci-Tech

Nuclear medicine: a vital but troubled industry



(AFP) - Life begins at 40, but not for a small and ageing fleet of nuclear reactors vital for millions of life-saving medical procedures each year and using material that could go in an atomic bomb.

Ahead of this week's Nuclear Security Summit in Seoul, there has been scant progress in addressing the concerns surrounding this other major use of atomic technology, despite the problems being known for years, experts say.

For almost all the world's medical isotopes, used to diagnose cancers and other diseases in 30 million procedures every year, the world relies on eight research reactors, all but one of which is four decades old or more.

These reactors produce "irradiated targets", which then go to five main producers of the most commonly used isotope, known as Mo-99, which decays into a radiopharmaceutical known as Tc-99, used once every second in procedures worldwide.

Of these eight reactors, the "big five" in Belgium, Canada, France, the Netherlands and South Africa, responsible for as much as 95 percent of global supply, are between 45 and 54 years old.

The other three are in Poland, 38 years old, the Czech Republic, 55, and in Australia, the youngster in the family at just five. There are also dozens of smaller plants around the world, including one in Iran, meeting domestic needs.

In its draft Nuclear Safety Review 2012 seen by AFP, the UN atomic agency says that the five main reactors have all reported "age-related problems", meaning expensive repairs and production halts that have played havoc with global supply.

This is despite the wake-up call of 2009-10 when Canada's National Research Universal (NRU), the biggest single producer and the main US supplier, shut for 15 months for repairs.

The High Flux Reactor in the Netherlands was also out of action for five months at the same time, creating major supply problems.

It is not just supply. Reliance on these facilities also raises bigger worries.

With the exception of OPAL in Australia and half of the Pelindaba plant's capacity in South Africa, the remaining production capacity uses highly enriched uranium (HEU), which can be used to form the core of a nuclear bomb.

In 2007, armed men broke into Pelindaba, which at the time housed enough HEU for 30 nuclear weapons. Although they stole no radioactive material, the incident highlighted the potential risks.

To tackle these security and supply concerns, recent years have seen a concerted international drive to diversify the number of producers and to switch to much less risky low-enriched uranium (LEU).

But a great deal remains to be done.

European conversion to LEU has been slow, while Canada's main Tc-99 maker Nordion has signed a deal with a firm in Russia, home to the world's biggest HEU stockpile, to supply it with uranium targets once NRU shuts for good in 2016.

The main reason for the lack of progress is economics, according to a 2010 Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) study that concluded that LEU-based production was "currently not supported by the market."



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Taiwan's HTC unveils phone with powerful camera



(AFP) - Taiwan's HTC on Monday unveiled the smartphones that it said would allow users to "retire" their digital cameras, as it sought to fight back against rivals Apple and Samsung.

The "One" series of phones, which will hit Asian markets on April 2, have cameras that can autofocus in just 0.2 seconds, making them the

equal of many modern digital cameras, the company said.

"From now on, you won't miss any fabulous moments in your life," said president of HTC North Asia Jack Tong, who also noted that photography is the second most popular function of a smartphone.

"With the One in hand, you can retire your digital cameras," he said.

The handsets will cost up to to Tw\$20,900 (\$706) when they hit the shelves next week.

The X model will be installed with a 4.7 inch screen and powered by a quad core processor, while the cheaper V model will have a 3.7 inch screen.

Analysts say the new models are expected to boost the company's revenue.

The company has said its first quarter revenue will likely fall 33 to 38 percent to Tw\$65 billion-Tw\$70 billion (\$2.2 billion-\$2.36 billion), down from Tw\$104.16 billion a year ago as Apple and Samsung strengthen their grip on the market.

The company's net profit in the three months to December dived to Tw\$10.94 billion, down from Tw\$18.6 billion in the previous quarter.

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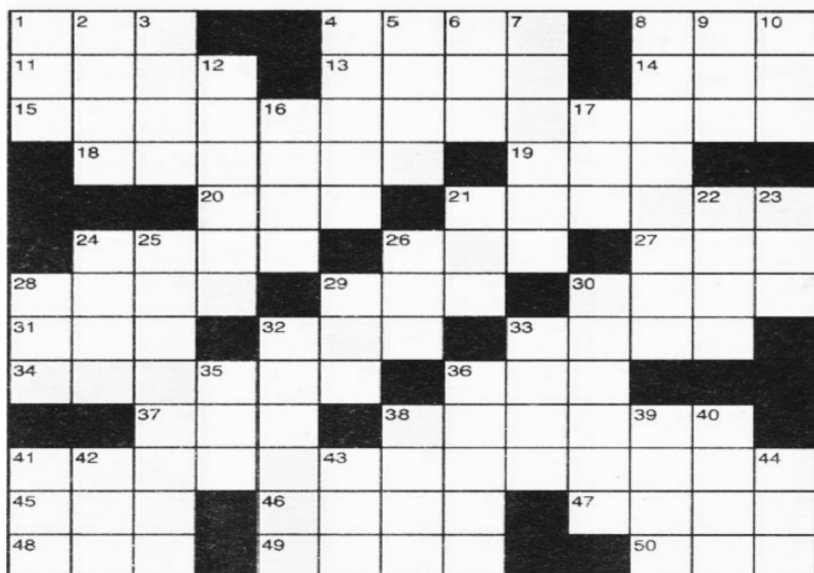
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22. Jeopardy
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32. Tomei of "The Wrestler"
33. Vamp Theda
35. Coffee vessel
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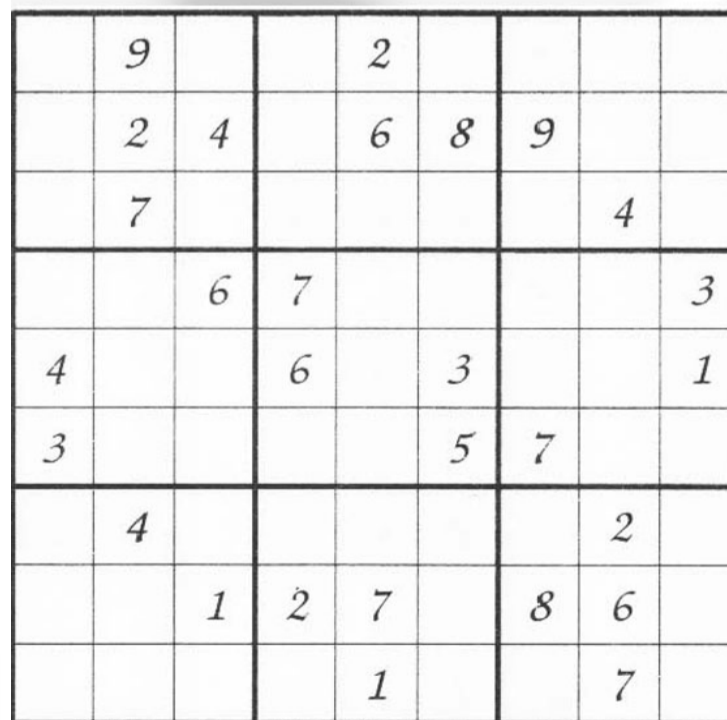
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Finance

Fed chief's comments boost US stocks

NEW YORK (AFP) - US stocks surged Monday following gains on European markets and after Ben Bernanke said a still-weak job market merited the Federal Reserve keeping easy money policy in place.

At the close of New York trade the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 160.52 points (1.23 percent) at

13,241.25.

The broad-market S&P 500 gained 19.40 points (1.39 percent) to 1,416.51, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite added 54.65 (1.78 percent) to 3122.57.

Analysts credited the strong performance to rises in European markets and Bernanke's speech signaling he is still not too worried

about inflation.

He "seemed to suggest that the Fed recognizes the need to remain accommodative in its policies, given that job market conditions remain far from normal," said Briefing.com.

"We cannot yet be sure that the recent pace of improvement in the labor market will be sustained," Bernanke said in a speech outside Washington.

US group: Lock China out of infrastructure deals

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A powerful US manufacturing group launched a campaign Monday to lock Chinese suppliers out of large US infrastructure projects, saying Beijing does not reciprocate with market access. The Alliance for American Manufacturing (AAM) kicked off its campaign blasting California's reliance on China to supply thousands of tons of steel for the \$7.2 billion San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge eastern span, which is nearing completion. "It is a symbol of what not to do... as our country begins to invest infrastructure," said AAM executive director Scott Paul. "We need to make sure that our federal laws and our state laws give an appropriate preference to domestic firms for large scale infrastructure projects." By singling out the Bay Bridge project, which was contracted out in 2006, he said AAM is aiming to make officials and the public know "what is at stake." "There is a capacity to do this work in the United States," he told AFP. The campaign was launched as Congress considers a \$109 billion, two-year transportation spending bill, which the government hopes will give a boost to the economy and generate more jobs. It also comes as both Democratic President Barack Obama and the Republicans vying to challenge him in the November presidential election both spotlight China, and its huge trade surplus with the US, as the source of many of the country's economic woes.

Abu Dhabi invests \$2 bn with Brazil's Batista

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Abu Dhabi's state investment fund Mubadala Development on Monday announced a \$2 billion investment in Brazilian billionaire Eike Batista's EBX group.

A joint statement issued by the two groups said the investment would give Mubadala a 5.63 percent preferred equity interest in Centennial Asset Brazilian Equity Fund, the personal investment company of Batista, Brazil's richest man who is behind the EBX Group.

The transaction also gives the Abu Dhabi fund an indirect stake in other Batista-controlled companies such as OGX (oil and gas), OSX (offshore naval industry), MMX

(mining), LLX (logistics) and MPX (energy).

The statement said Mubadala would also be involved in EBX's future "investment opportunities" in the technology, cement and fertilizer sectors.

In OSX, which posted profits of \$3.8 million in 2011 after losses in 2010, the Mubadala investment is aimed at bolstering the group's structure and new business development.

RBC Royal Bank ATMs not affected by recent skimming activities in Dutch Caribbean Islands

WILLEMSTAD, Curaçao, March 24, 2012 -- RBC Royal Bank wishes to inform that there are no incidents to report of tampering or skimming at any RBC/RBTT ATMs located in the Dutch Caribbean Islands that we serve (Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba and St. Maarten).

As a precautionary note, the bank advises all RBC clients (formerly RBTT Bank), to use only RBC/RBTT ATMs to withdraw cash or conduct other transactions.

Please note that RBC recently rebranded operations in the Dutch Caribbean Islands during the past two weeks, and as a result some RBC ATMs still have the RBTT logo on them.



We urge all our clients to check their statements carefully (via online Netbank) for possible inconsistencies, as some RBC Royal Bank clients who used specific ATMs belonging to other banks may have been ex-

posed to and/or affected by skimming activities. In cases of confirmed fraud, our priority is to minimize the impact on our clients who have been victimized through no fault of their own. We will do whatever is needed to block unauthorized access to their funds with us.

Preventing fraud is a mutual responsibility and our goal is to educate our clients to help them understand how they can protect themselves.

Clients can protect themselves by being aware of their environment. If they feel uncomfortable for any reason, they should leave and not use the ATM. If they notice anything out of the ordinary, they should report the situation to the police or their branch.

BMW recalls 1.3 million cars worldwide

FRANKFURT (AFP) - German luxury carmaker BMW said on Monday it was recalling some 1.3 million cars worldwide due to battery

problems that could in extreme cases result in a fire.

"In order to carry out a quality measure, BMW is recalling all BMW 5 and 6 Series models of the previous generation, built between 2003 and 2010 and still on the market, for repair at authorised dealers," the firm said in a statement.

It pointed to potential problems with the battery cable cover, which it said may be incorrectly mounted.

"This can result in the electrical system malfunctioning, the vehicle failing to start and, in some cases, to charring or fire," the statement added.

BMW said it was unaware of any injuries resulting from this fault and asked owners to visit repair workshops for a 30-minute refit.

Approximately 1.3 million vehicles worldwide are affected, the firm said.



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'Titanic' director describes 'desolate' ocean floor



Filmmaker and National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence James Cameron(L) has a final conversation March 26, 2012 with ocean explorer and US Navy Capt. Don Walsh(R).

WASHINGTON (AFP) - "Titanic" director James Cameron, back at the surface Monday after plunging to the deepest point of the Pacific in a solo submarine dive, described a barren "completely alien world" on the ocean floor.

The subterranean landscape he described was not unlike the surface of the moon.

It was a "very lunar, very desolate place. Very isolated," Cameron said.

"I felt like I in the space of one day had gone to another planet and come back," he said, describing the ocean floor as a "completely featureless, alien world."

The acclaimed film director described the experience of hurtling down the "yawning chasm" of the ocean: "Falling

through darkness -- that's something that a robot can't describe."

Cameron descended about seven miles (11 kilometers) to the bottom of the Mariana Trench in the western Pacific, where temperatures are barely above freezing and the pressure is a crushing thousand times that at sea level.

He told reporters in a phone press conference that he was at the bottom of the ocean for about a little more than two and a half hours, and had to cut short the planned stay of six hours because of problems with the ocean craft's hydraulics system.

The voyage was the first manned expedition to the trench in more than half a century and Cameron said it was the culmination of more than

seven years of planning.

The journey down to the Challenger Deep valley of the Mariana Trench, which lies southwest of Guam, took two hours and 36 minutes, organizers said.

The filmmaker collected samples for research in marine biology, microbiology, astrobiology, marine geology and geophysics, and captured photographs and 3D moving images.

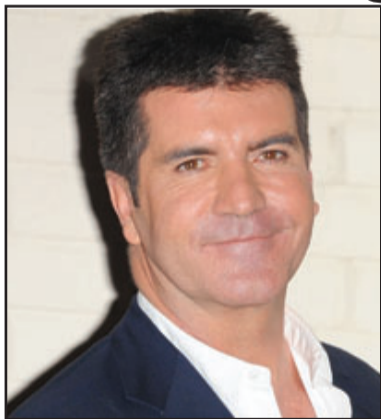
Cameron is the first person to make a solo dive to the Pacific Ocean trench. The last dive of any kind there was made by a two-man team in a relatively brief expedition back in 1960.

Mission partner the National Geographic said Cameron had reached a depth of 35,756 feet (10,898 meters) at 7:52 am Monday (2152 GMT Sunday) in his specially designed submersible the Deepsea Challenger.

Cameron said in the telephone news conference that being able to make the journey was "the culmination from my perspective of a lifelong dream," and that he hopes to be able to continue to marry his love of exploring the depths of the sea with his work as director.

"Hopefully I don't have to choose between them. Hopefully I can do the two in parallel," he said. "I don't want to have to decide."

Woman held over break-in at music mogul Cowell's home



LONDON (AFP) - A woman was remanded in custody on Monday after she appeared in court accused of breaking into the London home of British music mogul Simon Cowell.

Leanne Zaloumis, 29, was charged with smashing the bathroom window of Cowell's mansion on Saturday night and hiding in his walk-in wardrobe, wielding a brick.

Zaloumis, who spoke only

to confirm her name and address at West London Magistrates' Court, was remanded ahead of a crown court appearance on June 12.

Cowell, who created and judges British and US television talent shows such as "The X Factor" and "Britain's Got Talent", discovered the woman in his bathroom, his spokesman said.

"There was a loud bang and Simon rushed upstairs to find out what was going on," spokesman Max Clifford told The Sun newspaper.

"It came from the bathroom so he went in and there was a woman standing there holding a brick," added Clifford. "It was a very frightening experience for Simon, who told me it was like something from a horror movie."

Officers found blood marks in Cowell's bathroom after Za-

loumis was arrested, the court heard.

The charge read out in court said she intended to "inflict grievous bodily harm". Police had drawn their weapons as they arrested her after being called by Cowell's staff, prosecutor Paul Mitchell said.

Known for his blunt criticism of substandard talent show performers, 52-year-old Cowell claims to have worked with artists selling more than 180 million albums and more than 150 number one records.

Syco Entertainment, which he owns jointly with Sony, owns the "X Factor" and "Got Talent" formats.

Currently a judge on the fifth series of "Britain's Got Talent", the mogul is scheduled to return as a judge for the second series of "The X Factor USA" in September.



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"Hunger Games" at top of North America box office



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - "The Hunger Games," the story of a teenage girl in a life-and-death game show in a dystopian world, dominated North American weekend box office sales, figures out Sunday show.

The movie took in \$155 million in weekend ticket sales -- the biggest weekend non-sequel movie opening ever, according to box office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

The movie is based on a book for young adults of the same name by Suzanne Collins. It envisions a dystopian future where death games are broadcast on live television.

The Lionsgate picture also had the third biggest movie opening ever, after last year's final movie of the Harry Potter series, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2," (\$169 million) and the 2008 Batman movie "The Dark Knight" (\$158 million).

In a distant second were the youthful policemen of 1980s remake "21 Jump Street," which pulled in \$21.3 million on its second weekend in theaters.

The film with underachieving cops Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum, sent on an undercover counternarcotics mission at a high school, had a two-week haul projected to reach \$71 million.

Third was the animated film "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax" with a \$13.1 million weekend haul and \$177.4 million in the bank after four weekends on the big screen.

The animated movie about the hazards of industrialized society, featuring the voices of Danny DeVito, Zac Efron and Taylor Swift, set a record in its debut weekend for the highest non-sequel animated film debut with \$70.2 million.

Fourth was the Disney critical flop "John Carter" (\$5 million), based on books by "Tarzan" author Edgar Rice Burroughs. The film, about an ex-Civil War soldier magically transported to Mars, earned \$5 million.

Disney earlier announced that it expected to lose \$200 million on the movie in its second fiscal quarter.

Rounding off the top 10 are "Act Of Valor" (\$2 million), "Project X" (\$2 million), "A Thousand Words" (\$2 million), "October Baby" in its opening weekend (\$1.7 million), "Safe House" (\$1.4 million) and "Journey 2: The Mysterious Island" (\$1.4 million).

Will Ferrell's outlandish Spanish-language comedy "Casa de mi Padre," which opened ninth for its debut last weekend, did not make into the top 10.

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Adorable and affordable; 5 Burgers Aruba offers an island twist to the great American Burger

Expatriates residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu.

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Rosie and Aaron love their Burger too



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be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

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If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batter-dipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner - daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for the owners when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger, they are definitely worth a visit

SPORTS

Football: Rooney keeps United record bid on track



MANCHESTER (AFP) - Wayne Rooney kept Manchester United on course for a record 20th title after hitting the winner in a 1-0 win over Fulham at Old Trafford on Monday.

Rooney's 21st top-flight goal of the season, which arrived towards the end of the first half, proved enough to see off spirited mid-table opposition.

The result sent Sir Alex Ferguson's side, who have won their last six league games, three points clear of neighbours Manchester City at the top of the table with eight games remaining.

It was far from vintage United, but with their next four games against teams in the bottom six, it is difficult to see where United are going to slip up.

"For an hour we played very well and we made some decent opportunities but you have to give credit to Fulham," Ferguson told Sky Sports.

"They had more left than we did in the last 15 minutes. I think they had a claim (for a penalty), there's no doubt. We had a claim in the first half. Maybe the referee was thinking about that, but certainly Michael Carrick caught Danny Murphy's

heel."

Having destroyed struggling Wolves 5-0 in their last outing, United were hoping Fulham would prove equally obliging opponents with the league delicately poised.

Fulham spent the opening exchanges penned inside their own half.

But this was a night for patience as United struggled to impose themselves until Rooney struck three minutes before the interval.

Veteran midfielder Ryan Giggs headed an early chance straight at keeper Mark Schwarzer while Patrice Evra proved an unlikely goal threat in the 32nd minute with an overhead kick which flashed narrowly wide.

But the ruthless finishing which was so evident eight days earlier at Molineux was missing as Fulham created just as many chances as United before the interval.

Not for the first time this season, Clint Dempsey was his team's main goal threat.

The United States international twice tested David De Gea in the space of a few minutes, his second effort a lovely attempted curler from the edge of the area which had United's Spanish keeper diving at full stretch to claw away.

Yet just when Fulham thought they had survived the opening half without damage, Rooney pounced from close range after Jonny Evans had teed-up the striker from Ashley Young's 42nd minute cross following a mistake by John Arne Riise.

The sighs of relief could be heard all around the ground.

United, who meet City in what could be a winner-take-all game on April 30, dominated possession after the interval but were unable to add to their tally.

Schwarzer was forced into action when Giggs played the ball over the top for Antonio Valencia, who seemed likely to score, but his shot was straight at the Australian international.

With 15 minutes remaining, United spurned a glorious chance to double their advantage.

Schwarzer, who had an excellent game, twice denied Young before Giggs had a goal-bound effort blocked by Brede Hangeland.

United survived a scare in the 89th minute when Fulham substitute Danny Murphy went crashing inside the penalty area following a Michael Carrick challenge.

But referee Michael Oliver waved away Fulham's appeals for a penalty as United hung on for their ninth win in 10 league games.

Fulham manager Martin Jol thought that it had been the wrong decision.

"I feel it was a difficult decision, it always is for a penalty," said the Dutchman.

"I think you should send Michael Carrick off and I think everyone in the stadium was expecting it. I've seen it many times before, you have to be brave to give a penalty like that here."

Marseille fans banned from PSG trip again

PARIS (AFP) - Marseille's fans will once again be banned from travelling to Paris for their team's Ligue 1 match with arch rivals Paris Saint-Germain on April 8, the French government confirmed on Monday.

"On April 8, 2012, from 00:00 hours to midnight, the

movement, either individual or collective, by any means, of any person claiming to support Olympique de Marseille or behaving as such, is forbidden between the municipalities of the Bouches-du-Rhone department and the city of Paris," read a statement from the Interior Ministry.

PSG's fans were banned from travelling to Marseille's Stade Velodrome for the reverse fixture in November, which saw the home side win 3-0.

A similar decision was taken in October 2010, following a string of violent clashes between supporters attending games between the sides.



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Football: Inter sack Ranieri

ROME (AFP) - Inter Milan sacked coach Claudio Ranieri on Monday after a string of poor results which has left the Serie A giants struggling to qualify for next season's Champions League.

The former Chelsea and Valencia handler - who has guided the side that won the treble including the Champions League in 2010 to just one win in their last 10 league games - has been replaced by youth team coach Claudio Stramaccioni.

The final straw for Inter president Massimo Moratti and the board came with the 2-0 defeat at Juventus on Sunday leaving them in eighth in Serie A, 10 points off the Champions League positions, and having failed to score in seven of their last 10 league matches.

Inter's hopes of regaining the Champions League trophy they won under Jose Mourinho in 2010 also disappeared earlier this month when they went out on the away goals rule to out of form French side Marseille in the Last 16.

Football: Beckenbauer wary of wounded Marseille

BERLIN, March 26, 2012 (AFP) - Bayern Munich great Franz Beckenbauer on Monday warned his former side not to take Marseille lightly when they visit the struggling French club for the first leg of their Champions League quarter-final on Wednesday.

Marseille have not won in eight games -- a run including seven consecutive defeats -- but Beckenbauer remains wary of a side that beat Borussia Dortmund twice in the group phase before eliminating Inter Milan in the last 16.

"We can't under-estimate the French," he told Sky Sports News.

"We saw in the first round how Dortmund lost twice to them. This team is capable of anything."

Beckenbauer presided over the Marseille team as coach and then technical director

during the 1990-91 season but said the French giants "were not friends but adversaries".

"The fans down there are fantastic," he said. "Their opponents will be whistled constantly."

The day before, Bayern's Belgian centre-back Daniel Van Buyten -- another OM old boy -- had advised that Wednesday's match at Stade Velodrome demanded "great caution".

Van Buyten said Marseille were "a bit better than Basel", who Bayern thrashed 7-0 to reach the quarter-finals after a shock 1-0 away defeat in the first leg of their last-16 tie.

Marseille were knocked out of the French Cup in the quarter-finals by third-tier Quevilly last week and have slipped to ninth in Ligue 1, although they will face Lyon in the French League Cup final on April 14.

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NFL: New Jet Tebow expects no troubles with Sanchez



Quarterback Tim Tebow addresses the media as he is introduced as a New York Jet at the Atlantic Health Jets Training Center on March 26, 2012 in Florham Park, New Jersey.

NEW YORK (AFP) - Quarterback Tim Tebow doesn't believe that there will be any problems between him and Mark Sanchez following his high profile signing by the New York Jets.

Tebow led the Denver Broncos to the playoffs last season with a remarkable late-season run, reversing a 1-4 start and guiding them into the second round of the playoffs, winning despite unspectacular passing statistics.

But despite "Tebowmania", the Broncos obtained star quarterback Peyton Manning after his release from the Indianapolis Colts, making Tebow expendable and opening the door to the Jets to make a trade

deal to obtain him.

"They got one of the best quarterbacks to ever play the game," Tebow said. "There's no ill will toward the organization. They did what they thought was best. I'm always going to root for those guys. We went through a lot together."

That immediately sparked questions about whether or not the Jets would be pressed to move Tebow into a starting role the first time Sanchez struggled.

"Everybody who puts on a uniform wants to go out there and play," Tebow said. "I'm excited to help this team any way I can. I'm going to go out and improve and be the best quarterback I can be and help improve this team."

Tebow, who has a basic salary of \$1.1 million, arrives just two weeks after Sanchez signed a three-year contract extension with the Jets worth \$40.5 million.

"From my conversations with him, he was excited to be working with me," Tebow said. "I'm excited to be work-

ing with him. He has handled himself with courage and integrity."

Tebow met Sanchez when the two were at public appearances connected with Super Bowls.

"Me and Mark have a great relationship," Tebow said. "We're going to have a great relationship and a great working relationship. We're going to get along well together. He's a classy person and fun to hang around."

Tebow said he is not worried about the possible quarterback controversy the Jets might face should Sanchez struggle.

"Mark is very secure as a person and a player," Tebow said. "I don't think he's going to let outsiders and what other people say affect how he prepares and plays."

"We will be able to encourage each other and be stronger together than we would be apart."

That would include playing a position other than quarterback if called upon by Jets coach Rex Ryan, Tebow said.

"However I can help the team, however I can make a difference, however they can use me, I will be open to it," Tebow said. "Wherever they want to put me on the field, I will put my whole heart into it and be the best Jet I can be."

"I think I'm at my best when I'm playing quarterback."

Tebow called his stay in Denver "an amazing time" but said he treasures the chance to play for the Jets.

"I'm so honored and humbled to be a Jet," Tebow said. "I'm so happy they wanted me. I'm looking forward to my future as a Jet and very excited about it. This is where I want to be."

Athletics: USA Track seeks new boss before Olympics

INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - USA Track and Field said on Monday it has resumed the search for a new chief executive officer with a timeline of making a choice before the US Olympic trials in late June.

The move puts the American athletics governing body in much the same position as in 2008, when Doug Logan was named chief executive officer in late July just ahead of the Beijing Olympics, where the US had a disappointing time.

Candidate interviews are planned for April with a new

chief executive expected to be announced well ahead of the US Olympics trials in Eugene, Oregon, that begin on June 22.

Last June, USA Track and Field had said that interim chief executive officer Mike McNees would guide the group through London Olympic preparations, putting the search on hold to replace Logan.

Three shortlisted candidates for the job had been interviewed from an early field of 100 but no hire was made.

Now USA Track and Field president Stephanie Hightower

will serve as chairman of the search committee for a new full-time boss.

"Our board of directors is committed to engaging a strong, visionary leader who combines success in the sports business marketplace with the political acumen, knowledge of our sport and people skills that are so essential to being successful in this position," Hightower said.

The group has more than 100 candidate profiles from last year's search and the committee is reviewing those people plus seeking others.

Logan, a former Major League Soccer commissioner and harsh critic of dope cheats, was voted out as chief executive by the USA Track and Field directors in September 2010.

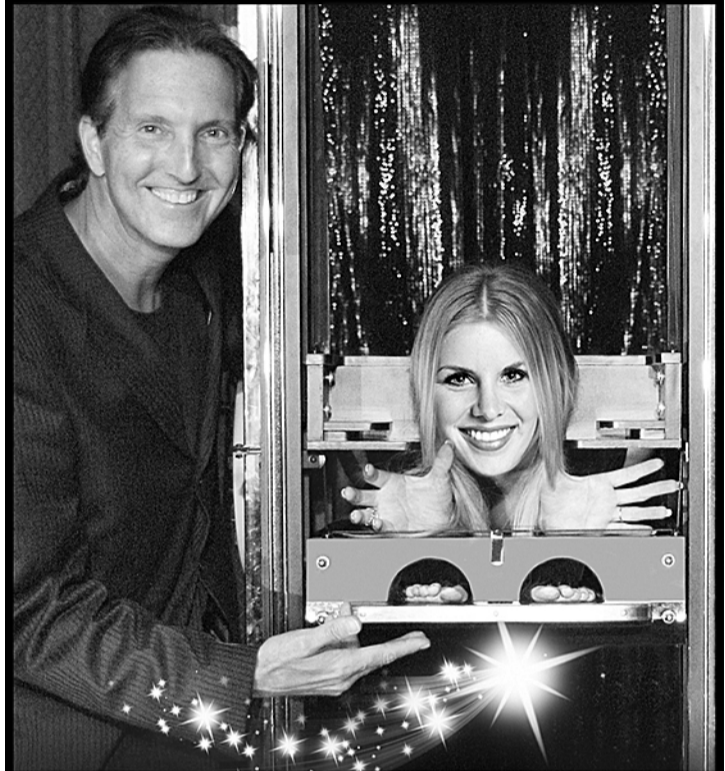
He replaced Craig Masback just ahead of the 2008 Beijing Games, at which US men produced their worst Olympic track and field showing, in part because of the strong showing from Jamaican sprinters led by 100m and 200m world record-holder Usain Bolt, who won gold in both events.

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Tiger Woods ends 30-month title drought



ORLANDO, Florida (AFP) - Tiger Woods snapped the longest winless drought of his career with a dominating five-shot victory over Graeme McDowell at the PGA Tour's Arnold Palmer Invitational.

Sunday's win marked Woods' first PGA Tour victory in 30 months, ending a winless spell that coincided with the personal turmoil that followed a 2009 sex scandal.

"It's not like winning a major championship or anything," Woods said. "But it certainly feels really good."

Woods drained a short par putt on the par-four 18 to com-

plete his round of two-under 70 and post a 13-under 275 total at the Bay Hill Club and Lodge course.

The 14-time major winner, wearing his Sunday red and black pants, celebrated his 72nd PGA Tour victory with a fist pump then the customary shaking of hands with runner-up McDowell, who finished at eight-under 280.

"I don't know what the average score was today, but it certainly wasn't anywhere near par he said.

"It was a very tough day. It was a day of attrition. There weren't going to be a lot of

birdie opportunities out there."

England's Ian Poulter finished in third seven shots behind Woods, while South Africa's Ernie Els was part of a group of seven golfers who tied for fourth at the \$6 million event.

Woods had been on a win drought since revelations of his secret sex life in November of 2009 left his reputation in tatters, put his marriage on the path to divorce and sent sponsors fleeing.

Amid the uproar, Woods' game suffered and his struggles continued in 2011 as he battled to cement swing changes despite injuries that limited his playing time.

"I am thankful for a lot of people helping me out. You all know who you are. It has been tough," Woods said.

Host and golfing icon Palmer missed the end of his tournament after he was taken to the hospital with a blood pressure problem.

It is the custom at this event for Palmer to greet players just off the edge of the 18th green as they finish their rounds but he couldn't do that Sunday. He was also supposed to be part of the trophy presentation to

Woods.

Woods did post a win in December, but that came in the limited-field Chevron World Challenge in southern California, an invitational tournament that he himself organizes to provide funds for his charity foundation.

Sunday's official PGA Tour win was the largest margin on the Tour since Rory McIlroy won the 2011 US Open by eight shots.

Now with the Masters just a couple of weeks off, Woods heads to Augusta where he will try to continue his march towards Jack Nicklaus' record of 18 majors.

"I am excited no doubt," Woods said. "It is always fun to play it. I am looking forward to the momentum I have built here and the things I have worked on with my game. It is all coming together at the right time."

Woods entered the final round with a one-shot lead on McDowell then seized command on Sunday with a flurry of birdies on the front nine.

He compiled a four-shot lead midway through the round by making four birdies on the front.

"It does feel good," Woods said. "It feels really good. A lot of hard work."

"I've gotten better, and that's the main thing. I've been close for a number of tournaments now. And it was just a matter of staying the course and staying patient, keeping working on fine-tuning what we're doing. And here we are."

Woods, who has a formidable record as a frontrunner, is familiar with the Bay Hill course having lived in the area previously. He has a stunning 38-2 record on the PGA Tour when taking an outright lead into the fourth round.

"It was incredible to have that type of support," he said of the friends who came out to watch him this week. "I used to live here for so long."

He was paired in the final group Sunday with McDowell, who rallied from four shots back to beat Woods in the 2010 Chevron World Challenge.

"I think he really just kind of nailed home his comeback," McDowell said. "Great to have a front-row seat watching maybe the greatest of all time doing what he does best - winning golf tournaments."